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Attached hereto please find Form PTO-1449 citing references submitted for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of any cited foreign patents and non-patent literature documents are enclosed. The Examiner is requested to indicate consideration of each reference by initialing in the appropriate box for each reference, and returning an initialed copy with the next Official Action. Also enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report and Annex issued by the European Patent Office regarding a counterpart EP patent application. Note that English language counterpart publications have been cited in the attached PTO Form 1449 corresponding to all references cited in this Search Report. Under 37 C.F.R.§ 1.97(e)(1), I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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